

Table 12-4 Median annual earnings (in constant 1998 dollars) of wage and salary workers ages 25–34 whose highest education level was some college, by sex and race–ethnicity: 1970–97

Year	Male				Female			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
All wage and salary workers								
1970	\$37,933	\$38,516	\$34,566	—	\$17,180	\$15,939	\$20,063	—
1971	36,866	37,515	31,598	—	16,983	16,229	20,640	—
1972	37,240	38,149	33,177	\$33,667	18,163	17,665	18,917	—
1973	37,028	38,018	31,651	32,718	19,216	18,469	21,796	—
1974	35,748	36,545	30,205	32,406	17,876	17,293	20,856	—
1975	34,721	35,597	29,440	29,876	18,547	17,947	21,722	—
1976	34,001	35,036	26,935	29,225	17,810	17,500	20,907	\$17,019
1977	33,867	35,099	28,769	27,199	19,512	19,341	20,880	17,842
1978	34,836	35,394	34,123	29,888	18,116	17,674	21,670	16,825
1979	34,507	35,446	29,094	31,117	18,731	18,784	20,438	17,974
1980	31,671	32,577	26,111	29,853	19,361	19,491	19,437	16,771
1981	30,147	31,181	24,999	27,214	18,720	18,638	18,837	19,983
1982	29,372	30,674	21,012	26,208	17,895	17,675	18,479	19,194
1983	29,933	30,996	25,261	27,288	18,611	18,732	17,901	19,346
1984	31,232	32,367	22,066	27,576	19,000	18,757	19,544	19,617
1985	30,960	32,179	23,073	27,130	18,536	19,005	16,937	17,185
1986	30,860	32,239	24,032	28,149	19,003	19,131	18,022	20,211
1987	30,105	31,108	23,590	26,325	20,040	19,830	20,124	21,666
1988	29,883	30,994	23,662	25,528	20,616	20,965	19,474	17,803
1989	29,797	30,993	24,322	26,513	19,990	20,080	19,877	19,310
1990	28,445	29,965	24,414	26,249	20,089	20,530	17,922	19,992
1991	27,603	29,593	21,294	25,384	19,437	19,931	16,961	19,030
1992	26,190	27,743	22,069	23,886	19,476	19,941	16,912	19,273
1993	25,763	27,326	20,964	22,155	18,845	19,257	16,909	18,005
1994	26,645	27,870	23,004	24,247	18,216	18,211	17,887	19,522
1995	25,455	27,203	23,550	20,433	18,556	19,072	18,453	15,975
1996	26,724	27,447	25,524	23,798	18,533	19,091	17,578	17,286
1997	26,933	27,980	25,416	24,654	18,759	18,587	19,045	18,023

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Year	Male				Female			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
Year-round, full-time wage and salary workers								
1970	\$41,090	\$41,632	\$36,694	—	\$25,963	\$26,073	\$25,951	—
1971	40,548	41,183	36,960	—	26,053	25,831	—	—
1972	41,234	42,115	35,238	—	27,281	27,725	—	—
1973	40,321	41,038	35,649	\$37,207	27,340	27,639	26,137	—
1974	38,574	39,174	34,141	35,711	25,761	25,753	24,977	—
1975	38,782	39,781	33,140	33,816	25,697	25,772	25,958	—
1976	38,649	39,236	33,010	35,931	25,626	25,932	24,604	—
1977	38,343	35,323	29,426	30,026	25,997	22,884	23,049	—
1978	38,583	38,876	37,987	32,579	25,115	25,094	25,306	—
1979	37,732	38,558	31,666	36,116	25,180	25,337	24,651	—
1980	35,181	36,100	29,138	33,758	23,986	24,191	22,490	\$23,937
1981	34,712	35,605	28,544	34,082	24,033	24,458	22,557	24,301
1982	34,359	35,184	26,647	29,422	24,440	24,746	23,784	22,171
1983	34,286	35,050	28,255	30,490	25,287	25,708	23,721	24,116
1984	34,707	35,829	27,618	31,678	24,642	25,102	22,175	23,742
1985	34,391	36,050	25,957	34,426	24,955	25,684	21,264	24,917
1986	34,817	36,621	28,056	30,852	24,872	25,530	21,856	24,224
1987	33,488	34,611	26,512	31,924	25,455	25,551	25,130	25,001
1988	34,472	35,785	28,982	29,343	25,683	26,019	24,652	27,880
1989	33,516	34,627	27,294	29,292	25,277	25,766	23,857	24,848
1990	32,470	33,487	28,267	29,084	25,035	25,623	22,115	22,869
1991	31,698	32,478	26,083	29,727	24,831	25,390	22,271	25,058
1992	30,828	31,407	27,845	28,097	24,585	25,081	21,583	25,242
1993	29,408	30,266	25,313	25,495	23,988	24,614	21,390	23,399
1994	29,335	30,269	25,590	26,255	23,484	23,701	21,859	24,569
1995	28,475	29,343	27,076	23,455	23,074	23,497	22,513	21,406
1996	29,311	30,510	27,878	26,941	23,103	24,179	21,813	21,582
1997	30,625	31,448	27,214	26,966	23,025	23,761	21,941	21,679

— Too few sample observations for a reliable estimate.

NOTE: The Current Population Survey (CPS) questions used to obtain educational attainment were changed in 1992. See the supplemental note to *Indicator 59* for further discussion. In 1994, the survey instrument for the CPS was changed and weights were

adjusted. See the supplemental note to *Indicator 51* for further discussion.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, March Current Population Surveys.